Statement prepared by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Interagency Development Team on December 9, 1997, and unanimously endorsed by team members present at the meeting:*

Interagency Development Team Alternative 3 should be adopted as the Draft Preferred Alternative. Alternative 3 consists of a set of ecosystem restoration, water quality, water use efficiency, levee system protection and conveyance and storage elements that are analyzed, planned, and implemented in a series of discrete linked steps that demonstrate progress. Implementation should include contingencies for changes of any component where new information becomes available.

* Mark Cocke of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Tom Howard representing the State Water Resources Control Board were not present at the meeting and did not participate in development of the statement language. However, both persons contacted the Chair in advance to indicate their preference of Alternative 3. A copy of the meeting attendance sheet is attached.

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